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In re P	atent Application of	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT					
Hisao	Nishikawa et al.	Group Art Unit: 3763					
Applica	ation No.: 10/520,180	Examiner: LAURA A. BOUCHELLE					
Filing I	Date: January 5, 2005	Confirmation No.: 7679					
Title:	INJECTION NEEDLE AND LIQUID INTRODUCING INSTRUMENT						
	AMENDMENT/REPLY TRA	NSMITTAL LETTER					
P.O. B	nissioner for Patents Box 1450 ndria, VA 22313-1450	Date: April 16, 2007					
Sir:							
Enclos	sed is a reply for the above-identified patent	application.					
	A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.						
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\sum \$ 65 \$\sum \$ 130 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. \§ 1.20(d) are enclosed.						
	Also enclosed is/are:						
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.						
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$\sum \\$ 395 \$\sum \\$ 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. \\$ 1.17(e).						
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.						
	Applicant(s) previously submittedcontinued examination is requested.	on for which					
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.						
_ ·	A Request for Entry and Consideration of (1809/2809) is also enclosed.	Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)					

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Independent Claims		2	3	0	x \$ 200 (1201)				
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	Charge to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.								
\boxtimes	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.								
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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated January 16, 2007 (Paper No. 200701015). Please amend the above-noted application as follows: